

Wednesday February 28th 2007

Mt. Vernon Country Club

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### THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Last Tuesday was a very good day for Special Need Kids. I was preparing for a meeting to try to secure a title sponsor for our golf tournament when the phone rang. It was Jeff Thompson, the mastermind behind Wealth Design Network. He called to tell me that he had reassessed the idea of being the lead sponsor of our tournament. Jeff was excited as he told me about his plans to make the tournament even better with the help of Michelle Sterling who he had brought on board because of her expertise in public relations and event planning.

This rocked my thought process a little as I was focused on an idea to name the tournament after Evergreen Oil's founder Andy Smith Senior who cares a lot about all things Evergreen, especially special needs kids like his adopted grandson.

After talking to both Andy's son and Jeff, we agreed that the kids come first, and that there is room for both ideas. Wow what a great day. We decided that the name might be a little long, but that the Andy Smith Sr. Special Needs Kids tournament sponsored by Wealth Design Network will be the biggest and best ever. Of course, it will again be guided by our good Colonel in charge Mac. Maren has to be smiling.

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### GUESTS

Michelle Sterling - Jeff Thompson

### VISITING ROTARIANS

Bart Corfee - Evg

Robert Rice - Ann Arbor - Briarwood MI

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The barrel is on the lake with lots of positive publicity thanks to Bill, Bob and Jerry. Due to the weather, ticket sales have been extended to a cutoff date of March 14th. The ice is 18" thick in the vicinity of the barrel. Please pick up your tickets from Bob Z. at the meeting. If you have any questions, please e-mail Bob Z. [rjzavod@yahoo.com](mailto:rjzavod@yahoo.com) or Bill D. [insbill@msn.com](mailto:insbill@msn.com) Thanks!

This year's golf tournament will take place at Hiwan Country Club on Monday morning July 9th. See the President's Corner for the latest info on our golf tournament!!

Great to see Jeff Thompson back in town for the "warm season."

A Rotary Luncheon with Gov. Ritter will take place on Mar. 22 at the Denver Marriott Tech Center at 4900 S. Syracuse St. Denver, CO 80237 starting at 11:30 a.m.

The cost to sponsor a RYLA student is \$375. Their session takes place 7/15 - 7/20. Young RYLA costs \$350 and it takes place 7/29 - 8/5. Please make your checks out to Mountain Foothills Rotary Foundation. Thanks to all who donated!

Rob Rice with Great Commission Air talked about their ministry in Guatemala providing air transportation to citizens in need for medical emergencies and emergency transportation needs. They transported 121 medical emergencies last year as well as 130 Dr. teacher and mission worker flights.

Judy Q. is coordinating our travels to the International Convention in Salt Lake City in June 2007. What a great opportunity to experience Rotary up close and the International flavor of Rotary too.

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## PROGRAM

Betty Lehman, Ex Director of the Autism Society of CO, was our speaker. Autism is a brain disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate, to reason and to interact with others. It is a spectrum disorder that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees of severity and it is often found in combination with other disabilities.

There is no known cure for ADS (Autism Spectrum Disorder) but it has been well documented that early intervention leads to improvements in behavioral, development of functional skills, communication and IQ.

Currently, 1 out of every 150 children will be diagnosed with ASD.

The Autism Society of Colorado's mission is to promote quality of life for people with autism spectrum disorders and their families by expanding options, helping to safeguard their rights and enhancing community awareness and understanding.

For more information see their web site at [www.AutismColorado.org](http://www.AutismColorado.org)

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Judi Quackenboss, our most excellent Program Chair, asks that all members please advise her of any potential speakers for our group. Please contact her at 303-674-2852 or [quackje@aol.com](mailto:quackje@aol.com)

#### MARCH - Polio Eradication Month

7 Greg VamderLey - Air Force Lt. Colonel talks about Desert Storm  
and Afghanistan

14 Jason Steinle - Health and Harmony

21 Ground Water and Wells - Larry Cerrillo

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#### APRIL

4 Neil Stuart and Bill Manning - RYLA

11 Al Makkai - Fly Fishing

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25 Dave Beals - District Governor Elect

#### PLANNING AHEAD

ROTARY MAKE-UPS ARE FUN, EASY AND ENCOURAGED!

Note: New eClub One URL for make-ups (Book Mark It!)

eClubOne, [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org) (7 x 24 x 365). Be sure to get a printout to turn in for meeting credit.

Some Nearby Rotary Clubs:

Evergreen Rotary, Friday, 7:00 AM - El Rancho Restaurant  
Conifer Rotary, Tuesday, 7:00 am - Mountain Resource Center  
Golden Rotary, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Rolling Hills Country Club  
Lakewood, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Lakewood Heritage Center  
Lakewood Foothills, Tuesday, 12:10 pm - Warren Tech Center  
South Jefferson County, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Fox Hollow Country Club  
Clear Creek County, Friday, 7:00 am - Rocky Mountain Village, Empire  
Gilpin County Peak to Peak, Thursday, 12:00 pm - Farraday's Rest., The  
Isle of Capri Casino, 401 Main St., Black Hawk

Rest of the World: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)  
Dist. 5450 Web Site: [www.rotary5450.org](http://www.rotary5450.org)  
Our Club Web Site: <http://mountainfoothillsrotary.org/>

ED SEZ "My Karma ran over your Dogma." *Anonymous*

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